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Electronic Evidence

In a recent PoliceOne poll, 89% of law enforcement respondents said they have been videotaped by bystanders while on duty. In this issue of *The Briefing*, we're discussing the impact of electronic evidence. Cell phone video and surveillance system footage are often released by onlookers in the aftermath of use of force events, but there are limitations of its use as evidence. On the contrary, data recovered from a search warrant of a suspect's device(s) can prove to be significant evidence, but again, there are limitations - this time, in how the digital evidence is retrieved. Additionally, a newer form of video observation is becoming increasingly popular with public safety agencies - drones. Read more about the key areas for consideration to ensure their legal and safe use.

Conclusive Evidence? Some Thoughts on the Limitations and Influence of Video Evidence

Video footage is often released following a use of force incident, which the public tends to regard as objective, conclusive evidence. But it's not that simple. There are many limitations - technical limitations of the video itself, limitations of human decision-making in high-stress situations, and the impact of hindsight bias. Here are 7 considerations when making a public statement following an officer-involved shooting: Read More.

Fingerprints, Facial Recognition, Retinal Scans, Passcodes and the Fifth Amendment

Whether facing an investigation into human trafficking, drug distribution, criminal gang violence, or child sexual exploitation, investigators must come to grips with the Fourth and Fifth Amendment rules impacting access to digital evidence. Today nearly every major crime has some association with digital evidence - consider these cases as an illustration of the emerging constitutional doctrines: Read More.

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